

MAYOR AND COUNCIL STRATEGIC FOCUS AREA SUBCOMMITTEE
Transportation

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION REPORT AND SUMMARY
March 23, 2006

ROLL CALL: _____ 3:30 p.m. _____

ADJOURNED: _____ 5:03 p.m. _____

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Council Member Shirley Scott, Ward 4, Chair
Council Member Carol West, Ward 2
Council Member Karin Ulich, Ward 3

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

AGENDA ITEM/MAYOR AND COUNCIL ACTION	STAFF ACTION
1. Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) Update Jim Glock updated Subcommittee members on the ongoing activities of the RTA in advance of the RTA vote on May 16, 2006. He reported that the publicity pamphlet would be mailed to area residents the first week of April.	Continue regular updates.
2. Plaza Centro Jim Campbell, Oasis Tucson, Inc., and Jim Glock provided an overview of plans for the proposed Plaza Centro/Fourth Avenue/Congress Street area.	West: Moved that discussion of this concept should be scheduled for full Mayor and Council, with the endorsement of the Transportation Subcommittee. Ulich: Seconded
3. Detention/Retention Basins Frank Sousa of TDOT's Stormwater Management Section, gave a general overview of the future use of detention/retention basins for the control of stormwater runoff, with a particular focus on their implementation in association with the Houghton Area Master Plan.	Scott: Requested that Development Services Department present details of the retention/detention basin maintenance tracking program they have developed at a future Transportation Subcommittee meeting
4. Extension of Financial Incentives Jim Glock discussed how financial incentives, such as the 2% construction sales tax credit offered to developers for improvements in the right-of-way in the downtown region, could be applied to areas outside of the downtown.	Ulich: Moved to recommend allowing areas other than downtown to have incentives West: Seconded conditional on specific areas.
5. Use of Cell Phones While Driving Mary Okoye, Director of Intergovernmental Relations, discussed legislation enacted by other jurisdictions as well as a bill currently being reviewed by the Arizona legislature prohibiting the use of cell phones while driving.	
6. Miscellaneous Updates <u>Impact Fee Credits:</u> Andy Dinauer, TDOT Administrator, Engineering Division, reported on preliminary work undertaken by a task force assigned to develop a policy that defines 'capacity improvements' and how the City will go about calculating offsets.	Subcommittee requested further update once task force completes its work

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<p><u>Department of Corrections (DOC) Inmate Labor Program</u>: Lee Gagnier, TDOT Administrator, Streets and Traffic Maintenance Division, briefly outlined the contract that has been drafted between TDOT and the DOC for use of inmate labor to perform wash maintenance activities, and presented the proposed public outreach program TDOT would undertake prior to using inmate workers in the community.</p> <p><u>Laos Transit Center Safety</u> Ivey Schmitz, TDOT Deputy Director, reported on steps taken and planned to increase safety at the Laos Transit Center.</p>	<p>West: Moved that contract/program be brought to full Mayor and Council after it is presented to the Neighborhood Subcommittee Scott: Seconded</p>
<p>6. Future Agenda Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Update of the RTA Plan• Review citywide C.I.P. Program and appropriate changes based on HAMP• Major Streets & Routes: Need for Escalante arterial between Harrison and Houghton Road• Review of Policy for road signage & street signalization coordination through the City of Tucson and Comparison with adjacent jurisdictions in the region• Review current process and policy(ies) for awarding contracts for outside review.• Process and policies for awarding Construction Contracts.	<p>Staff is responsible.</p>